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7th Race 5.20

The Sky Bet Steve Birch Finale Stakes (Heritage Handicap) (GBBPlus Race)

One Mile about Two Furlongs (2,000 metres)

See page 94 for conditions of this race.

Tote Guarantee

Distance:	1m 2f
Race Type:	Heritage Handicap
Rating:	0-105
Prize Money:	£100,000
Age:	3+
Stalls:	Inside Rail

RACE DESCRIPTION

A farewell competitive heritage handicap. This one is for 3yo+ horses run over a mile and a quarter, with Sir Busker (in likely his farewell run) , at the top of the scale.

The high handicap rating band of 0-105 means that it too will attract some pretty handy types Known as "the get out stakes" in punting circles, it could be time for a pin or your favourite colour.

If you win this race you can claim bragging rights until YorkMix Family Sunday on 7 September. Thank you for your support this week.

LAST YEAR'S RACE

Winner: SIR BUSKER
Trainer: Brandon Wilkie
Jockey: William Knight
Age/Weight: 8-9-7
Runners: 17 SP: 14/1
Veteran Sir Busker shone with a skilful ride by Brandon Wilkie to weave him through the traffic and down the best part of the track to deny his stablemate Dual Identity by a length.

THE TALE OF THE CLOCK

RaceIQ Par Time: 2m 9.37s
(Based on going description: Good to firm-good in places)

Course Record: 2m 4.32s
by City Of Troy (21-Aug-24)

All times are based where possible on the corresponding race over the last seven years

RACE FACTS & STATISTICS

Leading course trainer (20-25): R Fahey (27 wins from 439 runners, 6%) runs **CASTLE STUART**
Trainer-in-form (last 14 days): C Johnston (10 wins from 59 runners, 17%) runs **MARHABA GHAIYYATH** & **THUNDER WONDER**
Weightwatcher: SIR BUSKER won off a handicap mark of 105, his rating is now down 5lb to 100.
Longest Traveller: DAIN MA NUT IN trained by L Russell & M Scudamore Kinross, 239 miles.

NOTE: All statistics are up to and including 21st August.

No.	Last 6 Runs	Horse	Career Wins	Places	Total Runs	Career Winnings	Winning Distance Range	Winning Going Range	Runs Since Wins
1	7-52121	WESTRIDGE	3	3	11	61513	8-10F	G-GF	0
2	8-98020	SIR BUSKER	7	14	59	177321	6-10F	G-ST	8
3	77000-4	ERZINDJAN	2	5	30	18555	7-8F	HV-S	25
4	7-84434	GREEK ORDER	2	6	14	19366	8-10F	G-GS	9
5	35-2200	TONY MONTANA	3	6	18	30624	10F	G	8
6	172122	MARHABA GHAIYYATH	3	4	8	15444	8-9F	GF-ST	2
7	250-605	RON O	9	9	47	73652	7-10F	GS-ST	7
8	11-3961	DAIN MA NUT IN	4	2	13	26086	8-10F	G	0
9	742-030	SEAGOLAZO	1	3	9	7672	7F	G	6
10	5315-31	CASTLE STUART	2	1	6	20268	8-9F	G-S	0
11	123146	CLASSIC ENCOUNTER	2	4	12	20985	8-9F	G-GF	2
12	387078	DARK MOON RISING	5	8	35	93911	7-13F	G-ST	7
13	106587	THUNDER WONDER	3	1	14	46092	7-9F	G-GS	5
14	51-9540	ZAIN BLUE	2	4	15	26262	8F	GS	4
15	352363	PER CONTRA	3	5	16	14979	7-12F	GS-ST	12

KNAVESMIRE TIP

Westridge was an impressive winner of a valuable handicap at Glorious Goodwood and has to be respected, although an 8lb rise demands more. As a result, preference is for GREEK ORDER, who has been running consistently well in top mile handicaps this year and the step up in trip could bring about improvement. Erzindjan's fourth in the John Smith's Cup over C&D brings him into the equation, while Marhaba Ghaiyyath and Tony Montana are others who could make the frame.

WIN **GREEK ORDER**

EACH WAY **Westridge**

7th Race 5.20

The Sky Bet Steve Birch Finale Stakes

Distance: 1m 2f
Race Type: Heritage Handicap (0-105)
Prize Money: £100,000
Age: 3+
Stalls: Inside Rail

No	Horse	Age	st-lb	(kgs)	Draw
1	**Westridge (FR) (25)**	4	9-12	(62.6)	(7)

B g Blue Point (IRE) - Embiyra (IRE)
Owner: Mr & Mrs Manchester & N Wrigley
Trainer: John & Thady Gosden, Newmarket
Jockey: Ryan Moore
Form: 0-52121 D
Breeder: Mr Samuel De Barros

EACH WAY

He has won three times from 1m to 1m 2f on good to firm and good ground. A winner at 6-1 at Goodwood over 1m 2f (good) on his latest outing last month, beating Naqeeb by 3 1/2l. Has also won at Windsor this season. Official BHA Rating 100 **SP: 11-2**

2	**Sir Busker (IRE) (25)**	9	9-12	(62.6)	(1)

B g Sir Prancealot (IRE) - Street Kitty (IRE)
Owner: Kennet Valley Syndicates XI Racing
Trainer: William Knight, Newmarket
Jockey: Callum Shepherd
Form: 0-00020 CD
Breeder: Ms Ann Foley

Winner of seven races from 6f to 1m 2f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft and on the all-weather. Beaten 18l behind Westridge at 33-1 when 15th of 18 on his latest outing at Goodwood over 1m 2f (good) last month. Official BHA Rating 100 **SP: 40-1**

3	**Erzindjan (IRE) (42)**	7	9-11	(62.1)	(3)

B g Lope de Vega (IRE) - Eshera (IRE)
Owner: Mr Mohammed Al Suboosi
Trainer: T. J. Kent, Newmarket
Jockey: Ray Dawson
Form: 60000-4
Breeder: His Highness the Aga Khan's Studs S.C.

Successful at 7f and 1m on soft and heavy ground, but last win was over four years ago. Finished 2l behind Fox Legacy when fourth of 18 at 80-1 on his latest outing over this course and distance (good to firm) last month. Official BHA Rating 99 **SP: 14-1**

4	**Greek Order (GB) (22)**	5	9-9	(61.2)	(11)

B g Kingman - Trojan Queen (USA)
Owner: Greek Order Partnership
Trainer: Michael Bell, Newmarket
Jockey: Oisin Murphy
Form: 0-04434 D
Breeder: Juddmonte Farms Ltd

WIN

Successful at 1m and 1m 2f on good and good to soft ground, but last win was over two years ago. Finished 2 1/2l behind Rhoscolyn when fourth of 15 at 6-1 on his latest outing at Goodwood over 1m (soft) earlier this month. Official BHA Rating 97 **SP: 7-1**

5	**Tony Montana (GB) (25)**	5	9-8	(60.8)	(12)

B g Kingman - Mischief Making (USA)
Owner: Amo Racing Limited
Trainer: Michael Bell, Newmarket
Jockey: Rowan Scott
Form: 35-2200 D
Breeder: Highclere Stud

He has won three times at 1m 2f on good ground. Beaten 8l behind Westridge at 10-1 when 10th of 18 on his latest outing at Goodwood over 1m 2f (good) last month. Official BHA Rating 96 **SP: 14-1**

6	**Marhaba Ghaiyyath (IRE) (23)**	3	9-7	(60.3)	(14)

B c Ghaiyyath (IRE) - Zam Zoom (IRE)
Owner: Mr Jaber Abdullah
Trainer: Charlie Johnston, Middleham
Jockey: James Doyle
Form: 102122
Breeder: Ballymaglassan Farm Limited

He has won three times from 1m to 1m 1f on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Beaten a neck by Best Secret when second of 18 at 6-1 on his latest outing at Goodwood over 1m 2f (good) last month. Has won at Redcar and Wolverhampton this season. Official BHA Rating 102 **SP: 6-1**

7	**Ron O (GB) (21)**	7	9-1	(57.6)	(2)

Ch g Tornado (IRE) - Xalok (IRE)
Owner: Mr Ray Craggs
Trainer: David Thompson, Darlington
Jockey: Jason Hart
Form: 250-605 CD
Breeder: Mr M. J. Rozenbroek

Has won nine races from 7f to 1m 2f on good to firm and good to soft ground and on the all-weather. Finished 4l behind Rhythm Master when fifth of 13 at 40-1 on his latest outing at Thirsk over 7f (good to firm) earlier this month. Official BHA Rating 89 **SP: 40-1**

8	**Dain Ma Nut In (IRE) (43)**	4	9-0	(57.2)	(8)

B g Phoenix of Spain (IRE) - Ive Lady (IRE)
Owner: Lamont Racing
Trainer: Lucinda Russell & Michael Scudamore, Kinross
Jockey: Daniel Tudhope
Form: 11-3061 CD
Breeder: Glenanore Stud

He has won four times from 1m to 1m 2f on good ground. A winner at 15-2 over this course and distance (good) on his latest outing last month, beating I Still Have Faith by 2 3/4l. Official BHA Rating 88 **SP: 12-1**

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No	Horse	Age	st-lb	(kgs)	Draw
9	**Seagolazo (IRE) (23)**	3	8-12	(56.2)	(5)

Gr g Havana Grey - Soho Susie (IRE)
Owner: Two Plus Three Two Plus Four
Trainer: Hugo Palmer, Malpas
Jockey: Richard Kingscote
Form: 042-030
Breeder: Soho Susie Partnership

A winner at 7f on good ground. Beaten 14l behind Best Secret at 28-1 when 13th of 18 on his latest outing at Goodwood over 1m 2f (good) last month. He is wearing a tongue-tie for the first time. Official BHA Rating 93 **SP: 40-1**

10	**Castle Stuart (IRE) (53)**	3	8-12	(56.2)	(13)

B c Dubawi (IRE) - Golden Crown
Owner: P. D. Smith Holdings Ltd
Trainer: Richard Fahey, Malton
Jockey: Barry McHugh
Form: 5315-31
Breeder: Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum

Successful at 1m and 1m 1f on good and soft ground. A winner at 10-3 at Musselburgh over 1m 1f (good) on his latest outing last month, beating Rhythm Master by 1 1/4l. Having his first run for a new stable today, previously with K R Burke. Official BHA Rating 93 **SP: 16-1**

11	**Classic Encounter (IRE) (43)**	4	8-12	(56.2)	(10)

B g Shamardal (USA) - Zhukova (IRE)
Owner: Mr George Waud
Trainer: George Boughey, Newmarket
Jockey: William Buick
Form: 123146 C BF
Breeder: Godolphin

Successful at 1m and 1m 1f on good to firm and good ground. Finished 7l behind Dain Ma Nut In when sixth of 9 at 11-8fav on his latest outing over this course and distance (good) last month. Has won here and at Redcar this season. Official BHA Rating 86 **SP: 7-1**

12	**Dark Moon Rising (IRE) (28)**	6	8-11	(55.8)	(9)

B g Night of Thunder (IRE) - Al Nassa (USA)
Owner: Mrs Angie Bailey
Trainer: Kevin Ryan, Hambleton
Jockey: Saffie Osborne
Form: 300000 C
Breeder: Mr N. Al Habtoor

Winner of five races from 7f to 1m 5f on good ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 16l behind Beylerbeyi at 7-1 when eighth of 9 on his latest outing here over 1m 4f (good) last month. Official BHA Rating 85 **SP: 20-1**

13	**Thunder Wonder (IRE) (16)**	3	8-11	(55.8)	(4)

Ch c Night of Thunder (IRE) - Princess Yaiza (IRE)
Owner: John Brown & Megan Dennis
Trainer: Charlie Johnston, Middleham
Jockey: Joe Fanning
Form: 106500
Breeder: Mr L. H. LaRoche

He has won three times from 7f to 1m 1f on good and good to soft ground. Beaten 6l behind Storm Catcher at 10-3 when seventh of 10 on his latest outing at Chelmsford City over 1m 2f earlier this month. Has won twice at Musselburgh this season. Official BHA Rating 92 **SP: 40-1**

14	**Zain Blue (IRE) (30)**	4	8-8	(54.4)	(15)

B c Blue Point (IRE) - Affability (IRE)
Owner: Mr Asaad Al Banwan
Trainer: John Butler, Newmarket
Jockey: Connor Beasley
Form: 51-0540 C
Breeder: A. Stroud and J. Hanly

Successful twice at 1m on good to soft ground. Well beaten at 8-1 behind Andaleep when last of 13 on his latest outing at Yarmouth over 1m 2f (soft) last month. Official BHA Rating 82 **SP: 28-1**

15	**Per Contra (IRE) (2)**	4	8-8	(54.4)	(6)

B g Footstepsinthesand - Nonetheless (IRE)
Owner: Ryedale Partners No 3
Trainer: Tim Easterby, Malton
Jockey: Silvestre De Sousa
Form: 352363
Breeder: Mr James Ross Ancell

He has won three times from 7f to 1m 4f on good to soft and soft ground and on the all-weather. Third of 13 behind Circus Of Rome beaten 4l at 6-1 on his latest outing at Newcastle over 1m 4f earlier this week. Official BHA Rating 82 **SP: 16-1**

NUMBER OF DECLARED RUNNERS 15.....(EXACTA)

Tongue Strap worn first time by No. 9. Sheepskin Cheek Pieces worn first time by No. 13. Blinkers worn by No. 9, 12. Sheepskin Cheek Pieces worn by No. 1, 2, 11, 14.

STEWARDS NOTE

ZAIN BLUE: Following its run on 24/7/2025 it was reported that the horse stopped quickly.

PROBABLE S.P.'S

11-2 Westridge (FR), 6-1 Marhaba Ghaiyyath (IRE), 7-1 Greek Order (GB), Classic Encounter (IRE), 12-1 Dain Ma Nut In (IRE), 14-1 Erzindjan (IRE), Tony Montana (GB), 16-1 Castle Stuart (IRE), Per Contra (IRE), 20-1 Dark Moon Rising (IRE), 28-1 Zain Blue (IRE), 40-1 Sir Busker (IRE), Ron O (GB), Seagolazo (IRE), Thunder Wonder (IRE)

SEVENTH RACE PRESENTATION & BEST TURNED OUT

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The trophy for this race will be presented to the winning owner after the race by Steve Birch & Family and Friends.

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Today's Race Conditions

FIRST RACE 1.50 - The Sky Bet Strensall Stakes (Group 3)
(CLASS 1) Distributed in accordance with the Stakes and Prize Money Code. £96407 to the winning horse. The second to receive £36550, the third £18292, the fourth £9112, the fifth £4573 and the sixth £2295, for three yrs old and upwards. Enter by noon, August 18th and pay £1700 stake. Declare by 10.00 a.m. August 21st. Weights: 3-y-o colts and geldings 9st, fillies 8st 11lb 4-y-o and up colts and geldings 9st 7lb, fillies 9st 4lb Penalties, after 2024, a winner of a Group 3 race 3lb Of a Group 2 race 5lb Of a Group 1 race 7lb. SKY BET has generously sponsored this race and will present a memento to the winning owner. The BHA Department of Equine Regulation, Safety and Welfare will be performing pre-race examinations of all horses at this meeting. The winner of the Sky Bet Strensall Stakes is eligible for automatic entry and a travel package to the Bahrain International Trophy. See bahrainturfclub.com for more information. All number cloths to be carried in this race have been sponsored and will carry the name/logo of SKY BET. The sponsorship payment of £500 will be distributed equally amongst all horses starting in this race in accordance with paragraphs 24 to 27 of the Stakes and Prize Money Code. 12 entries at £1700. - Closed August 18th, 2025. Owners Prize Money: Winner £75752; Second £33093; Third £15555; Fourth £7769; Fifth £3893; Sixth £1938 Penalty Value: £96407 A SS

For race details see page 35.

SECOND RACE 2.25 - The Sky Bet Melrose Stakes (Class 2 Heritage Handicap) (GBBPlus Race)
(CLASS 2) Distributed in accordance with the Stakes and Prize Money Code. £87618 to the winning horse. The second to receive £41089, the third £20553, the fourth £10268, the fifth £5134 and the sixth £2567, for three yrs old only. Enter by noon, August 18th and pay £850 stake. Declare by 10.00 a.m. August 21st. Lowest weight 8st 2lb. Highest weight not less than 9st 9lb. Penalties, after August 16th, 2025, for each race won 6lb NOTE: Any horse rated above 105 shall initially be treated as having that rating and the highest weight allotted shall be 9st 9lb. Subsequently, the excess over 105 in any rating shall be allotted to that horse without limitation to the highest weight to be carried. SKY BET has generously sponsored this race and will present a memento to the winning owner. The BHA Department of Equine Regulation, Safety and Welfare will be performing pre-race examinations of all horses at this meeting. The British Horseracing Authority's Development Fund has generously contributed £75000 towards the prize money for this race. All number cloths to be carried in this race have been sponsored and will carry the name/logo of SKY BET. The sponsorship payment of £500 will be distributed equally amongst all horses starting in this race in accordance with paragraphs 24 to 27 of the Stakes and Prize Money Code. 2026 Sky Bet Ebor Race to the Ebor. The winner of the 2025 Sky Bet Melrose Handicap Stakes will receive a guaranteed start position for the 2026 Sky Bet Ebor. Although the start is guaranteed, the horse must still be entered in the 2026 Sky Bet Ebor in the normal way, paying the corresponding entry stake and fees at the scratching and confirmation stages. In the event that the horse is set to carry the lowest weight in the 2026 Sky Bet Ebor, the horse's weight will be raised to the equivalent of the next highest horse in the weights. PLEASE NOTE, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 9 of the Weights and Handicapping Code a horse must have run three times or more in order to qualify to run in this race. 17 entries at £850. - Closed August 18th, 2025. Owners Prize Money: Winner £69071; Second £34544; Third £17272; Fourth £8636; Fifth £4318; Sixth £2159 Penalty Value: £87618 Weights raised 5lbs and paragraphs 27 to 31 of the Weights and Handicapping Code complied with where applicable. SS

For race details see page 41.

THIRD RACE 3.00 - The Sky Bet City Of York Stakes (Group 1)
(CLASS 1) Distributed in accordance with the Stakes and Prize Money Code. £377121 to the winning horse. The second to receive £142975, the third £71554, the fourth £35644, the fifth £17888 and the sixth £8977, for three yrs old and upwards. Enter by noon, July 1st and pay £2625 stake. Scratch by noon, July 29th or pay £3000. Confirm by noon, August 18th and pay £1875. Supplementary Entry by noon, August 18th and pay £40000 stake. Declare by 10.00 a.m. August 21st. Weights: 3-y-o colts and geldings 9st 5lb, fillies 9st 4-y-o and up colts and geldings 9st 8lb, fillies 9st 5lb NOTE: Horses will only be eligible to run in this race provided that they have a current BHA Handicap Rating of 80 or higher at midday of the confirmation stage. Horses which do not qualify for a rating may also be eligible providing the BHA Handicapper is satisfied that the horse's racecourse performances up to and including the day before confirmation merit a provisional assessment of 80 or higher. Horses which have not run will not be eligible. SKY BET has generously sponsored this race and will present a memento to the winning owner. The BHA Department of Equine Regulation, Safety and Welfare will be performing pre-race examinations of all horses at this meeting. All number cloths to be carried in this race have been sponsored and will carry the name/logo of SKY BET. The sponsorship payment of £1000 will be distributed equally amongst all horses starting in this race in accordance with paragraphs 24 to 27 of the Stakes and Prize Money Code. 41 entries, 8 at £2625, 20 at £5625, 11 at £7500, 2 at £40000. - Closed July 1st, 2025. Owners Prize Money: Winner £296,524; Second £121,629; Third £60,848; Fourth £30,391; Fifth £15,229; Sixth £7,581 Penalty Value: £377121 50 A SS

For race details see page 53.

FOURTH RACE 3.35 - The Sky Bet Ebor Stakes (Class 2) (Heritage Handicap) (GBBPlus Race)
(CLASS 2) Distributed in accordance with the Stakes and Prize Money Code. £300000 to the winning horse. The second to receive £89950, the third £47500, the fourth £25000, the fifth £14300, the sixth £7500, the seventh £4750 and the eighth £2850, for four yrs old and upwards. Enter by noon, July 8th and pay £875 stake. Scratch by noon, July 29th or pay £3000. Confirm by noon, August 18th and pay £625. Declare by 10.00 a.m. August 21st. Lowest weight 8st 2lb. Highest weight not less than 9st 12lb Penalties, after July 19th, 2025, a winner of a race 4lb Of 2 races 7lb NOTE: Any horse rated above 110 shall initially be treated as having that rating and the highest weight allotted shall be 9st 12lb. Subsequently, the excess over 110 in any rating shall be allotted to that horse without limitation to the highest weight to be carried. SKY BET has generously sponsored this race and will present a memento to the winning owner. The BHA Department of Equine Regulation, Safety and Welfare will be performing pre-race examinations of all horses at this meeting. The winner of the Sky Bet Ebor is ballot exempt for the Lexus Melbourne Cup on 4th November 2025. Please see www.vrc.com.au for details. All number cloths to be carried in this race have been sponsored and will carry the name/logo of SKY BET. The sponsorship payment of £500 will be distributed equally amongst all horses starting in this race in accordance with paragraphs 24 to 27 of the Stakes and Prize Money Code. The British Horseracing Authority will amend paragraphs 28 to 32 of the Weights and Handicapping Code and the Declaration of Jockey section of the Race Entries Code in the event that raising of the weights at the 24-hour stage proves necessary. The British Horseracing Authority has granted special permission to the York Racecourse Executive to stage a public Draw at which the stall numbers for declared runners will be allocated. The Draw will be broadcast live and will be overseen by a British Horseracing Authority official. Further details of the draw procedure will be published in due course. This race will utilise York Racecourse's 22-bay starting stalls. This race will be restricted to 22 runners plus two reserves. The two reserves will be nominated as R23 and R24. The procedure for the allocation and operation of the reserves protocol will be as detailed in the notice headed 'Reserves' which has been published in The Racing Calendar and which also appears in the important notices following the Standard Conditions on the Racing Bulletin area of the BHA Racing Administration internet site www.racingadmin.co.uk. Trainers are reminded of the provisions of paragraph 41 of the Race Entry Code which require that they must notify the Racing Calendar Office immediately when the decision has been made not to run. This will maximise the list of runners and determine whether the weights will need to be raised. The British Horseracing Authority has modified the Declaration of Jockey section of the Race Entries Code and the Division of Races section of the Race Administration Code of the Rules of Racing for the purposes of this race. PLEASE NOTE: The winners of the following "Race to the Ebor" races will be guaranteed a starting place in the 2025 Sky Bet Ebor (Class 2) (Heritage Handicap) and will not be subject to elimination; provided it is entered and declared in the normal way: Sky Bet Melrose Handicap (Class 2) run at York on Saturday 24th August, 2024, Sky Bet Jorvik Stakes (Class 2) run at York on Wednesday 14th May 2025, Sky Bet Premier Handicap run at The Curragh on Wednesday 4th June 2025, Sky Bet Grand Cup (Listed) run at York on Saturday 14th June 2025. PLEASE ALSO NOTE: If, at the declaration stage, the winner of a "Race to the Ebor" race is set to carry the lowest weight in the 2025 Sky Bet Ebor, its weight will be raised to the next lowest weight. PLEASE NOTE: In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 9 of the Weights and Handicapping Code a horse must have run three times or more in order to qualify to run in this race. 65 entries, 14 at £875, 25 at £1875, 26 at £2500. - Closed July 8th, 2025. Owners Prize Money: Winner £233850; Second £78250; Third £41300; Fourth £21800; Fifth £12400; Sixth £6450; Seventh £4100; Eighth £2550 Penalty Value: £300000 Weights raised 2lbs and paragraphs 27 to 31 of the Weights and Handicapping Code complied with where applicable. 21 Eliminated Under Rules (1)9 and (1)10. SS

For race details see page 71.

FIFTH RACE 4.10 - The Sky Bet Constantine Stakes (Class 2 Heritage Handicap)
(CLASS 2) Distributed in accordance with the Stakes and Prize Money Code. £61848 to the winning horse. The second to receive £29004, the third £14508, the fourth £7248, the fifth £3624 and the sixth £1812, for three yrs old and upwards. Enter by noon, August 18th and pay £600 stake. Declare by 10.00 a.m. August 21st. Lowest weight 8st 2lb. Highest weight 9st 12lb Penalties, after August 16th, 2025, for each race won 3yo 6lb, 4yo to 6yo 5lb, 7yo and up 4lb NOTE: Any horse rated above 110 shall initially be treated as having that rating and the highest weight allotted shall be 9st 12lb. Subsequently, the excess over 110 in any rating shall be allotted to that horse without limitation to the highest weight to be carried. SKY BET has generously sponsored this race and will present a memento to the winning owner. The BHA Department of Equine Regulation, Safety and Welfare will be performing pre-race examinations of all horses at this meeting. All number cloths to be carried in this race have been sponsored and will carry the name/logo of SKY BET. The sponsorship payment of £500 will be distributed equally amongst all horses starting in this race in accordance with paragraphs 24 to 27 of the Stakes and Prize Money Code. PLEASE NOTE, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 9 of the Weights and Handicapping Code a horse must have run three times or more in order to qualify to run in this race. 24 entries at £600. - Closed August 18th, 2025. Owners Prize Money: Winner £48756; Second £24384; Third £12192; Fourth £6096; Fifth £3048; Sixth £1524 Penalty Value: £61848 12 Eliminated Under Rules (1)9 and (1)10. SS

For race details see page 79.

SIXTH RACE 4.45 - The Julia Graves Roses Stakes (Listed Race)
(CLASS 1) Distributed in accordance with the Stakes and Prize Money Code. £56710 to the winning horse. The second to receive £21500, the third £10760, the fourth £5360, the fifth £2690 and the sixth £1350, for two yrs old only. Enter by noon, August 18th and pay £500 stake. Declare by 10.00 a.m. August 21st. Weights: Colts and geldings 9st 2lb; fillies 8st 11lb Penalties, a winner of a Listed race 3lb Of a Pattern race 5lb. THE FAMILY OF JULIA GRAVES has generously sponsored this race and will present a memento to the winning owner. The BHA Department of Equine Regulation, Safety and Welfare will be performing pre-race examinations of all horses at this meeting. 15 entries at £500. - Closed August 18th, 2025. Owners Prize Money: Winner £44560; Second £18290; Third £9150; Fourth £4570; Fifth £2290; Sixth £1140 Penalty Value: £56710 A SS

For race details see page 85.

SEVENTH RACE 5.20 - The Sky Bet Steve Birch Finale Stakes (Class 2 Heritage Handicap) (GBBPlus Race)
(CLASS 2) Distributed in accordance with the Stakes and Prize Money Code. £51540 to the winning horse. The second to receive £24170, the third £12090, the fourth £6040, the fifth £3020 and the sixth £1510, for three yrs old and upwards. Rated 0-105 (also open to such horses rated 106 and 107 - see Standard Conditions). Enter by noon, August 18th and pay £500 stake. Declare by 10.00 a.m. August 21st. Lowest weight 8st 2lb. Highest weight 9st 12lb Penalties, after August 16th, 2025, for each race won 3yo 6lb, 4yo to 6yo 5lb, 7yo and up 4lb. SKY BET has generously sponsored this race and will present a memento to the winning owner. The BHA Department of Equine Regulation, Safety and Welfare will be performing pre-race examinations of all horses at this meeting. All number cloths to be carried in this race have been sponsored and will carry the name/logo of SKY BET. The sponsorship payment of £250 will be distributed equally amongst all horses starting in this race in accordance with paragraphs 24 to 27 of the Stakes and Prize Money Code. PLEASE NOTE, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 9 of the Weights and Handicapping Code a horse must have run three times or more in order to qualify to run in this race. 33 entries at £500. - Closed August 18th, 2025. Owners Prize Money: Winner £40630; Second £20320; Third £10160; Fourth £5080; Fifth £2540; Sixth £1270 Penalty Value: £51540 Weights raised 5lbs and paragraphs 27 to 31 of the Weights and Handicapping Code complied with where applicable. SS

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The Small Print

An A-Z of information for racegoers

Abandoned Racing
In the event of racing being abandoned, refunds on badges and tickets purchased will only be paid in the following circumstances.
a) before the first race - 100% refund.
b) before the completion of three races.
c) thereafter - no refund applies.
Refunds cannot be made on racedays. To obtain a refund, racegoers who purchased their admission on the day should send the ticket they were given on entrance with their full name and address to: York Racecourse, York, YO23 1EX within 30 days. Racegoers who booked in advance direct with the track and so paid by card will receive an automatic refund. A similar process will apply for those who paid in advance by cheque. Please visit the racecourse website www.yorkracecourse.co.uk for more information.

Alcohol And Public Order
The Racecourse takes its responsibilities under Licensing Laws very seriously and puts in place training and measures to exceed these obligations. Racegoers are urged to drink responsibly. Alcohol cannot be brought into the stands side enclosures. York Racecourse reserves the right to expel any person found to be drunk or behaving in a disorderly manner.
The "Challenge 25" initiative will be in operation to ensure that only those aged 18 and over are served with alcohol. Thank you for your support of this obligation.

Cameras
Please feel free to take a souvenir photo of your day. However we would remind you that the preparation and performance of the sport must be ensured, so please note:-
1. Kindly refrain from flash photography.
2. Avoid taking photos in restricted areas used by the sporting professionals i.e. Saddling Boxes, Stables, Unsaddling Boxes & Weighing Room.
3. Respect the privacy of others.

Cigarettes and e-cigarettes
The current smoking legislation regarding smoking in public places applies at the racecourse. The use of e-cigarettes is permitted, however they will be treated the same as tobacco products.

Common Courtesy/Entry Conditions
All persons visiting York Racecourse are admitted subject to Racecourse Regulations and the Rules of Racing. The Racecourse reserves the right to refuse admission or remove from the racecourse any person refusing to comply with the Rules and Regulations or whose presence is a source of danger or annoyance to others. A full set of entry rules can be viewed at www.yorkracecourse.co.uk.

Dogs
Racegoers are requested to leave their pets including all dogs at home. Guide and Assistance dogs are welcome.

First Aid
There are first aid posts in the Edwardian Weighing Room, other such buildings have been designated as isolation rooms, should they be required.

Dress Standards
Most racegoers like to make racing at York a special occasion and choose to dress accordingly. Gentlemen (and those identifying as such) in the County Stand are required to wear a jacket, collared shirt and tie. It has always been the case that shorts and t-shirts have been welcome in Grandstand and Paddock. All racegoers are reminded that the removal of shirts is not encouraged and that basic decency and not causing offence to fellow racegoers by clothing choices, is required. York Racecourse reserves the right to refuse or, to require anyone to leave who does not observe the above code.

Drugs
A zero tolerance policy on drug abuse is in force, be warned, North Yorkshire Police and our own team are watching with some canine help, sniffing.

Litter
Racegoers are requested to place all litter in the receptacles provided. If you do not need your racecard please place it in a bin as you leave the racecourse.

Noise
So that the horses have the best chance to perform and so your fellow racegoers have the opportunity to enjoy them please do not cause any distractions; the waving of flags or banners, use of radios or making of sudden noises are examples of things to avoid. Racegoers are reminded of Public Health England advice that shouting increases the risk of the spread of diseases, so to consider wearing your face covering when part of a cheering crowd.

Parade Ring
For safety reasons children under the age of twelve are not permitted into the Parade Ring or Unsaddling Enclosure.

Photo Finishes And Stewards' Enquiries/Objections
In any race where Photo Finish has been called by the Judge, this information will be displayed on the Giant Screen. An announcement will also be broadcast. Race Results and Photographs will also be displayed on the York Racecourse television monitors.

Radios and Mobile Telephones
The use of all types of communication equipment is strictly controlled at all racecourses. Members of the public may not use two-way radios, scanning receivers etc., for any purpose at the racecourse.

Track Safety
For your own safety and the welfare of the horses, jockeys and stable staff please keep off the track.
Anyone trespassing on the track:
Will be liable to arrest and prosecution
Will be ejected immediately
Will be banned from all future York race meetings
May face a nationwide racecourse ban.

Knavesmire Notes

Keep a note of any horses that catch your eye today.
You never know, they may be future winners here at York.

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MAKE A NOTE OF YOUR SELECTIONS FOR TODAY'S RACES		
Race 1		
Race 2		
Race 3		
Race 4		
Race 5		
Race 6		
Race 7		

SAFE JOURNEY HOME...

Thank you for your support this year.

If you have any comments, please email to **feedback@yorkracecourse.co.uk**

Please could we request that a special effort is made to respect our neighbours, with particular regard to noise in the surrounding streets.

We look forward to welcoming you back on Sunday 7th September for the finale of the Sky Bet Sunday Series, our Family Raceday, which features the Listed Garrowby Stakes as well as the YorkMix Family Entertainment Zone.

Please use the toilets on exit or as provided on the walking route to the city.

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